AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Cancelled)
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- 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Withdrawn) A method for applying a polymeric alkali salt to reduce the hygroscopic and reactivity characteristics of a solid calcium hypochlorite particle comprising:

providing a solid calcium hypochlorite in a particle form;

applying at least one polymeric alkali salt to said solid calcium hypochlorite in an amount sufficient to reduce reactivity of said calcium hypochlorite during at least one phase of a calcium hypochlorite manufacturing process.

- 19. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 18 wherein: said polymeric alkali salt is applied in the form of a slurry.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 18 wherein: said polymeric alkali salt is applied in the form of a solid.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 18 wherein: said polymeric alkali salt is applied in the form of a foam.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 18 wherein: said polymeric alkali salt is applied in the form of a liquid.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 18 further including: addition of a deposit controlling effective amount of an agent selected from the group consisting of at least one alkali salt of a compound selected from the group consisting of polymaleic acid, polyexpoxysuccinic acid, maleic anhydride copolymer, phosphinopolycarboxylic acid, carboxylic-sulfonic acid copolymer, maleic-sulfonic acid copolymer, maleic-phosphonic acid copolymer, carboxylic-phosphonic acid copolymer, or mixtures thereof.
- 24. (New) A calcium hypochlorite particle comprising a deposit control agent coating.

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25. (New) The calcium hypochlorite particle of claim 24, wherein the deposit control agent coating comprises a metal salt of at least one of polyepoxysuccinic acid and polymaleic acid.

- 26. (New) The calcium hypochlorite particle of claim 25, wherein the calcium hypochlorite particle has an available chlorine content of at least about 30%.
- 27. (New) The calcium hypochlorite particle of claim 25, wherein the metal is selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, and lithium.
- 28. (New) The calcium hypochlorite particle of claim 25, wherein the metal is selected from the group consisting of calcium and magnesium.
- 29. (New) The calcium hypochlorite particle of claim 28, wherein the metal is calcium.
- 30. (New) A calcium hypochlorite particle comprising a coating consisting essentially of a metal salt of at least one of polymaleic acid and polyepoxysuccinic acid.
- 31. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the calcium hypochlorite particles have an available chlorine content of at least about 30%.
- 32. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the metal is selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, and lithium.
- 33. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the metal is selected from the group consisting of calcium and magnesium.
- 34. (New) The calcium hypochlorite particle of claim 33, wherein the metal is calcium.